

## Part 2A. Scholarship Grants.

### § 115C-562.1. Definitions.

The following definitions apply in this Part:

- (1) Authority. – The State Education Assistance Authority.
- (2) Division. – The Division of Nonpublic Education, Department of Administration.
- (3) Eligible students. – A student residing in North Carolina who has not yet received a high school diploma and who meets all of the following requirements:
  - a. Meets one of the following criteria:
    1. Was a full-time student (i) assigned to and attending a public school pursuant to G.S. 115C-366 or (ii) enrolled in a Department of Defense Elementary and Secondary School, established pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 2164 and located in North Carolina, during the previous semester.
    2. Received a scholarship grant during the previous school year.
    3. Is entering either kindergarten or the first grade.
    4. Is a child in foster care as defined in G.S. 131D-10.2(9).
    5. Is a child whose adoption decree was entered not more than one year prior to submission of the scholarship grant application.
    6. Is a child whose parent or legal guardian is on full-time duty status in the active uniformed service of the United States, including members of the National Guard and Reserve on active duty orders pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 12301, et seq., and 10 U.S.C. § 12401, et seq.
  - a1. Has not enrolled in a postsecondary institution in a matriculated status eligible for enrollment for 12 hours of academic credit.
  - b. Resides in a household with an income level not in excess of one hundred thirty-three percent (133%) of the amount required for the student to qualify for the federal free or reduced-price lunch program. The Authority shall not count any distribution from the estate of a decedent in calculating the income level of the applicant's household for the purposes of determining eligibility for a scholarship under this sub-subdivision.
- (4) Local school administrative unit. – A local school administrative unit, charter school, or regional school.
- (5) Nonpublic school. – A school that meets the requirements of Part 1 or Part 2 of this Article as identified by the Division.
- (5a) Reserve. – The Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve established under G.S. 115C-562.8.
- (6) Scholarship grants. – Grants awarded annually by the Authority to eligible students. (2013-360, s. 8.29(a); 2016-94, ss. 11A.3(a), (d); 2018-97, s. 2.12(a).)